

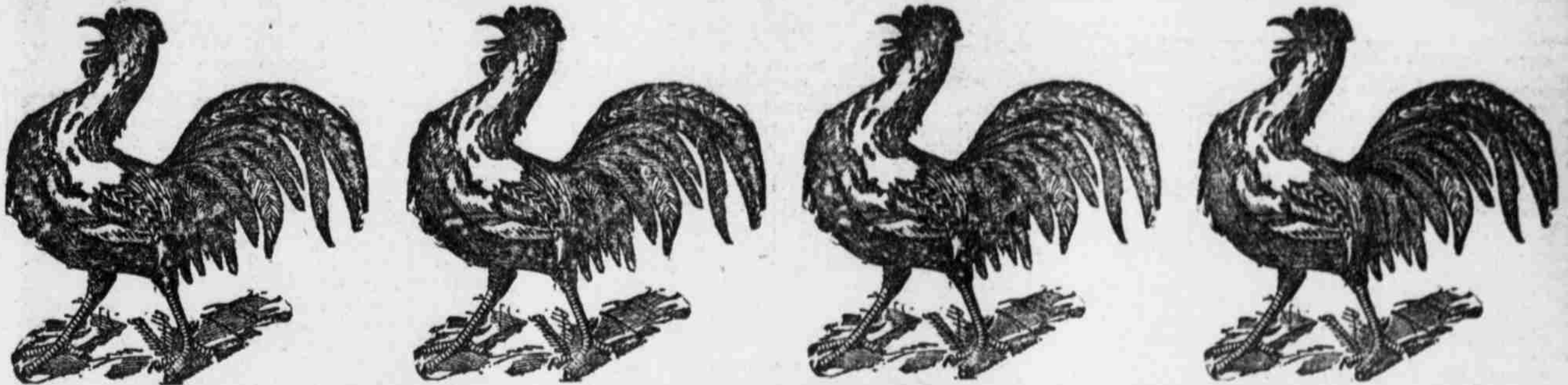
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CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON

At 10 o'clock election night Mr. Bryan sent the following congratulatory message to Governor Wilson:

"I most heartily congratulate you and the country upon your election. Your splendid campaign has borne fruit in great victory. I am sure your administration will prove a blessing to the country and a source of strength to our party."
W. J. BRYAN.

THE 1912 BIRD ADORNS THE COMMONER'S FIRST PAGE

What kind of a rooster?
A democratic rooster.
What is it doing?
It is crowing.
Is it crowing loudly?
Yes, very loud.
How long has it been waiting to crow?
Sixteen years.
How long will it crow?
For a long time.
Do you feel like crowing?
Yes.
Well, crow. Crow loudly and often.
We all have a good reason for crowing.

A DEMOCRATIC LANDSLIDE

It was a democratic landslide. Of 531 electoral votes Wilson and Marshall will have at least 400, 266 being necessary to a choice.

Associated Press reports indicate that Wilson carried Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Wisconsin, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, West Virginia, New Jersey, Nebraska, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island.

Roosevelt carried Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Washington.

Taft carried Idaho, Utah, probably New Hampshire, Vermont.

Wilson will have more than 400 electoral votes, Roosevelt something like 100, Taft something like 16.

Mr. Bryan left Fairview about 9 o'clock in the evening and went to the Lindell hotel at Lincoln where the returns were being read. He was called upon for a speech and as he took his place on the stairway he wore an expansive smile and some one shouted: "The smile that won't come off."

Mr. Bryan said: "As a religious hymn has been brought into the campaign by one of the parties, I think that I am justified in using the lines of another hymn to express my feelings: 'This is the day I long have sought and mourned because I found it not.'"

"I am happier than Governor Wilson, for his joy is repressed by a sense of responsibility, while I am happy and free. My confidence in Governor Wilson has grown with acquaintance and I feel sure that he will live up to the expectations which his campaign has excited.

"I have confidence in him because I believe he listens to his conscience. I have little faith in a man who does right only because he thinks he is being watched. He must have a stronger motive than that. He must do right because he can not live with himself unless he does.

"Mr. Wilson is free to be a people's president, and I have no doubt that he will so conduct his administration as to command the approval of the country. My joy is increased by the fact

that Nebraska, the city of Lincoln and the precinct in which I live, all gave pluralities for Mr. Wilson."

STRAWS

It seems that in Nebraska Governor Wilson will have in the neighborhood of 35,000 plurality, Roosevelt running second and Taft third. Moorehead, democratic candidate for governor is elected. The senatorial election is in doubt. Democrats elected three congressmen, republicans two, with one in doubt.

William Sulzer was elected governor of New York, by a plurality of 175,000; Hedges, republican candidate, ran second; with Straus, Roosevelt candidate, running about 15,000 behind Hedges.

Democratic membership in the lower house of congress has been very largely increased, the gain being at least 24 over the number in the present congress. The senate likewise is probably democratic.

Uncle Joe Cannon was defeated for re-election for congress by Frank T. O'Hair.

Governor Wilson did not go to bed as predicted before learning the result. He received the returns with a party of friends and he was very happy.

Grover L. Johnson, father of Hiram W. Johnson, the Roosevelt candidate for vice president, voted for Governor Wilson. He said he had a high opinion of his son but that Hiram was on the wrong side of the fence.

Victor Berger, the only socialist congressman, was defeated for re-election by William H. Stafford, democrat.

Champ Clark was re-elected to congress.

Although Berger, the socialist congressman, was defeated, there was a general increase in the socialist vote throughout the country.

Governor Wilson not only carried his own state, New Jersey, by a large majority, but carried also the states of his opponents, the state of his own running mate, Indiana, and the state of Colonel Roosevelt's running mate, California.

Control of the legislature in New Jersey gives the democrats the choice of Governor Wilson's successor in the gubernatorial chair, and the choice of William Hughes to succeed Senator Briggs, republican.

Mr. Bryan, just before midnight, sent a message to Governor Marshall of Indiana, the party's candidate for vice president. He said: "Accept my hearty congratulations upon your election. It is a great victory and you have played an important part in making the campaign a success."

Wilson and Marshall Win

As The Commoner goes to press on Wednesday morning, the returns are not sufficiently complete to permit an analysis, but the election of Wilson and Marshall is conceded by both President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt. The victory is a sweeping one. In the next issue of The Commoner the returns will be discussed and analyzed, but this issue of The Commoner was delayed for a day in order that the result might be announced to the readers. This announcement, of course, will not be news, for every reader of The Commoner is doubtless aware at this time that the country has voted a change, but The Commoner takes pleasure in congratulating its readers upon their part in the victory. It has been a long fight and a hard one, but the end has come at last, and the enemy is overthrown.

Governor Wilson has made a splendid campaign; he has shown great discretion in act and utterance, and greatly strengthened himself with the country. Governor Marshall has played a brilliant part in the campaign and greatly aided by his speeches. It is a great triumph and means much to the country. It looks now as if the senate would be democratic and the house also, and with these three departments of the government working harmoniously it ought not only to be possible to put the government in the hands of the people but to make laws to prevent it from being taken from them again. Let every democratic heart rejoice. If hope deferred maketh the heart sick, democratic hopes at last realized ought to make us all happy.

"THIS IS THE DAY I LONG HAVE
SOUGHT AND MOURNED BECAUSE I
FOUND IT NOT."—Mr. Bryan, on hearing
of Wilson's victory.